



Appln. Ser. No. 10/669,976
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: | Engel et al. | |
| Serial No.: | 10/669,976 | Art Unit: 1637 |
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| Entitled: | ENHANCED COAMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS | |

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AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on October 1, 2008.

Applicants are in receipt of an Advisory Action issued October 28, 2008 refusing to enter and consider amendments submitted with the response to the final Office Action issued March 28, 2008. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants submit herewith an RCE requesting the entry of amendments submitted herewith and consideration on the merits. An extension of 4 months under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is requested, and the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(4) is also enclosed, making the present RCE and accompanying papers timely.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

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